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MEETING OF THE

SUBREGIONAL COORDINATORS

Thursday, May 22, 2008

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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SUBREGIONAL COORDINATORS

AGENDA

MAY 22, 2008

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

(Ty Schuiling, Chair)

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Subcommittee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to staff prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty minutes.

3.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Approve Minutes of April 24, 2008 Meeting
(Ty Schuiling, Chair)

Attachment

3.2 Policy Committee Agenda Preview
(SCAG Staff)

3.3 City Profile Project
(Huasha Liu, Manager, Program Development and Evaluation)

3.4 Subregional Audits
(Richard Howard, SCAG Internal Auditor)

Attachment

3.5 Legislative Update (SB 375 report at May CEHD/RC Committee Meetings)
(Jeff Dunn, SCAG Staff)

3.6 Continuing Cooperative Agreement Status
(Leyton Morgan, SCAG Staff)

3.7 Year End Invoicing
(Leyton Morgan, SCAG Staff)

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS

5.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

6.0 NEXT MEETING DATE
June 26, 2008 (4th Thursday)

7.0 ADJOURNMENT



**THE SUBREGIONAL COORDINATORS
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**April 24, 2008
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AND/OR DISCUSSIONS BY THE SUBREGIONAL COORDINATORS. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING AT SCAG'S DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

The Subregional Coordinators held its meeting on April 24, 2008 at SCAG's downtown Los Angeles office.

Subregions Present

Catherine McMillan – CVAG
Miles Mitchell – L. A. City
Nancy Pfeffer – Gateway Cities COG
Gail Shiimoto-Lohr – OCCOG
Kim Fuentes – SBCCOG
Bill Padilla – North L. A. County
Kevin Viera – WRCOG (via video conference)
Mary Travis – VCTC
John Tahtalian – Arroyo Verdugo
Ty Schuiling – SANBAG
Mark Herwick – L. A. County

Subregions Not Present

IVAG
SGVCOG
VCOG
Westside Cities
Las Virgenes/Malibu

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1: 35 PM by the Chair, Ty Schuiling.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ma'Ayn Johnson, Community Development Planner, announced the upcoming 8th Annual Regional Housing Summit being held at the Mission Inn in Riverside. The theme of the Summit is "The Reality of Housing Market Uncertainty and Navigating the Course". The speakers will be Larry Parks with the Federal Home Loan Bank, Lynn Jacobs with the California Department of Housing and Community Development and

Robert Kleinhenz with the California Association of Realtors. Ms. Johnson also announced that the Summit will include the 2nd Annual Compass Blueprint Recognition Awards Luncheon to acknowledge those communities and award nominees who have demonstrated excellence, innovation, and good compass principles.

3.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Approve Minutes of February 28, 2008 Meeting

A MOTION was made to approve the minutes of February 28, 2008. The MOTION was SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.2 Policy Committee Agenda Preview

Arnold San Miguel reviewed the Regional Council and policy committee agendas.

While reviewing the TCC agenda regarding approval of the RTP, Ty Schuiling requested clarification of the discussion associated with the recommendation to remove reference to SR 60 as the designated corridor for the proposed DLCTT, and who requested this removal.

Ryan Kuo, Associate Regional Planner, stated that the City of Diamond Bar made the request, and their concerns have also been echoed by Metro and the County of Los Angeles. Mr. Kuo stated that staff is working on language revisions that will be presented to the TCC on May 8th. He indicated that the City of Diamond Bar expressed concern with the traffic congestion on SR-60, as well as at the 60/57 interchange, and has requested that the RTP not specify an east/west corridor until further studies have been completed.

3.3 Budget in SCAG Request for Proposals (RFP's)

Leyton Morgan, Contracts Manager, provided an update on the Contracts Subcommittee meeting held April 16, 2008. Mr. Morgan stated that Miles Mitchell attended the meeting on behalf of the Coordinators and presented the body's belief that the budget should be included in RFPs. Mr. Morgan reported that Paula Lantz, Chair of the Contracts Subcommittee, is requesting more information from the local municipalities with respect to how they handle their RFPs. Mr. Mitchell provided an overview of his participation and outlined the points he made on behalf of the Coordinators. Mr. Mitchell stated that SCAG deals with the most complex urban transportation, land use, and air-quality issues in the United States, and he recommended that the Coordinators testify before the Administration Committee and also attend future Contracts Subcommittee meetings. Gail Shiimoto-Loehr inquired if the issue has been raised with the consulting community, as recommended at the last meeting. Mr. Morgan stated that no decision has been made on this as yet. The Coordinators requested that Mr. Morgan forward their emails on this issue to Paula Lantz and copy them.

3.4 RTP/RTP PEIR Update & RCP/RCP PEIR Update

Ryan Kuo, Associate Regional Planner, provided an update on the RTP. Mr. Kuo reported that on April 3, 2008, TCC held its regular policy committee meeting. The TCC members discussed ARTIC, CETAP Corridor B, and the Orangeline, but due to procedural issues no action was taken. These items were moved to a special meeting on April 11th, wherein the TCC voted to include in the Strategic Plan, ARTIC and the construction portion of CETAP Corridor B, and move the Orangeline from the Constrained Plan to the Strategic Plan. Mr. Kuo stated that on May 8th the TCC will look at two more projects to be added to the Strategic Plan and recommend the approval of the RTP by the Regional Council, as well as the 2006 RTIP Consistency Amendment, to align it with the adopted RTP. He further stated that next week staff is mailing out hard-copies of the proposed final RTP, so that the TCC and RC members will have sufficient time to review it before the May 8th meeting.

Gail Shiimoto-Lohr stated that she had reviewed the mitigation monitoring program in the final EIR and noted that the language had been modified to include more “shoulds” rather than “shalls”. Ms. Shiimoto-Lohr also stated she had requested further language clarification from staff on two mitigation measures in the RTP/EIR, which are MMOS-033 and MM-POP-.4.

Jacob Lieb, Program Manager for the RCP, provided an update on the RCP. Mr. Lieb reported that a workshop was held recently in Huntington Beach, which focused primarily on the land use chapter of the Plan, but with some additional discussion on open space and transportation. Mr. Lieb stated that staff will be sending out the NOP for the environmental document sometime during May. He further stated that the RCP public review period and the environmental review period will most likely be extended beyond what the initial projected schedule indicated. The earliest date for adoption will be sometime in November. In light of the revised schedule, staff is looking at the possibility of some additional workshops and outreach in order to keep the Plan fresh and offer additional opportunities for discussion and dialogue. Mr. Lieb requested that the Coordinators advise him of any interest in hosting a workshop in their subregion.

Ty Schuiling inquired about the implications involved if SB 375 were to pass in its current form relative to the RCP. Mr. Lieb stated that his interpretation is that SB 375 in its current form would create a new planning requirement and would be treated as such should it pass. He further stated that staff would look at the RCP as nothing more than a head start on the new planning requirement, and a new planning process would be convened.

3.5 AB 32 Update

Jonathan Nadler, Program Manager for Air-Quality & Conformity, provided an update on AB 32. Mr. Nadler reported that there are many moving parts to AB 32, and suggested that the Coordinators refer to the ARB website and go to the climate change portal to get more information. He stated that in January of 2008

a regulation for greenhouse gas reporting and the 1990 baseline inventory were adopted. Mr. Nadler reported that there is a scoping plan workshop being held in Sacramento on May 5th, and informed the Coordinators that they may attend in person or by webcast. He stated that the state is looking at every possible way to reduce greenhouse gases, which includes land use planning, transportation planning, water planning and energy planning. He also emphasized that smart growth is being emphasized by the state to help reach its goals in greenhouse gas reductions. Mr. Nadler reported that SCAG has been very involved doing outreach, tracking progress, and educating the policy committees and Regional Council on the numerous greenhouse gas efforts around the state and nation. He encouraged the Coordinators to take advantage of the many opportunities to get involved.

3.6 Legislative Update

Jeff Dunn, Government Affairs Analyst, reported that the MTA board passed the Congestion Reduction Initiative and authorized Metro to enter into an MOU with CALTRANS and DOT for the federal government to allocate up to \$213M in grants from the FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program. Mr. Dunn stated that the use of these funds would be to facilitate the purchase of high capacity computer buses for Foothill Transit and Metro, additional rail cars for Metrolink service along the San Bernardino and Riverside lines, enhance Metro Rapid Bus service in the San Gabriel Valley, and pay for Park and Ride improvements and expanded vanpool programs. Mr. Dunn said it specifically stipulates that CALTRANS and Metro would convert existing HOV lanes to HOT lanes on the I-10, the El Monte Busway, and I-210 from the I-605 to the I-710. It also provides that, contingent upon future funding, HOV lanes on I-110 may be converted to HOT lanes. Mr. Dunn stated that a press conference will be held tomorrow to make the announcement. Secretary Peters and the Governor will be in attendance. He stated that the time and place will be confirmed later in the day. He is waiting to hear from the media advisory at CALTRANS. Mr. Dunn said that he has an abbreviated summary of the Initiative, which he will forward to the Coordinators.

Mr. Dunn provided an update on the CMAQ issue, which is the Congestion Mitigation Air-Quality Improvement Program that USDOT runs for projects that meet the criteria. Mr. Dunn reported that there was a provision in the energy bill which stated that in order for projects to qualify, they must have an 80% federal portion of the funding, and DOT sent out a series of emails and advisements to State DOTs and local transportation commissions, stating that it was their interpretation that projects that did not have the 80% federal funding threshold would not be eligible for CMAQ funding. He stated that this caused shock waves and repercussions around the country, and SCAG addressed this issue directly with the FHWA administrator in February. As a result, they did reconsider and had their attorneys evaluate all relevant sections of federal law pertaining to CMAQ funding and determined that notwithstanding what happened with the energy bill, there was authority for the states to have a higher percentage of mix in

these projects, and they did issue at least some bullet points that cited their authority for this. Mr. Dunn reported that DOT will be sending out official notice to all the State DOTS stating that it is okay to proceed with their projects.

Mr. Dunn provided an update on the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections bill, which passed Congress last Friday. Mr. Dunn reported that SCAG sent letters to Senators Boxer and Feinstein to prevent Maglev from being removed from SAFETEA-LU in the Technical Corrections bill, and as a result, Maglev remains in the bill. Mr. Dunn will email to the Coordinators the sections of the bill pertaining to SAFETEA-LU.

Mr. Dunn provided an update on Reauthorization and advised that CALTRANS has started a series of statewide phone discussions on reauthorization principles, which will culminate in Metro, CALTRANS, and others from the state going to Washington to present the statewide platform on reauthorization principles. The discussions have primarily been focused on highway trust fund, environmental mitigation, streamline project delivery, and goods movement. Mr. Dunn will continue to update the Coordinators as the Reauthorization continues through the process.

Mr. Dunn provided an update on AJR 40, which is the joint resolution that SCAG is sponsoring and calling upon the state and federal governments to take immediate and necessary action to address the health crisis brought on by the poor air-quality in the region. At the request of the Assembly Member's office, SCAG removed its request to call for a State of Emergency in the region. Mr. Dunn emphasized, however, that still remaining in the resolution is language addressing the need to more vigorously regulate mobile source emissions. It is scheduled to be heard at the Assembly Transportation Committee meeting on Monday, April 28th and will be ushered through the legislative process this year. Mr. Dunn stated that he does not anticipate any problems at this hearing; however, there may be some problems encountered later in the process, particularly with the railroads.

Mr. Dunn provided an update on SB 375 and presented the report that will go to the CEHD committee on May 8th. The report outlines the major provisions of the bill and the status of the negotiations, as they exist up to this point. Mr. Dunn reported that Senator Steinberg's Chief of Staff, Bill Craven, will be presenting on the bill before the CEHD and the Regional Council on May 8th.

Mr. Dunn provided an update on the May Revise, which is due to come out on May 14th. Mr. Dunn stated that he has been in contact with SCAG's lobbyist and at this point it does not look as though there will be any more cuts beyond the 10% the Governor has mandated for state programs. Mr. Dunn said there are discussions commencing in the relevant fiscal committees about how to enhance revenues, including fee enhancements and possible tax increases. Mr. Dunn reported that with respect to the projects that came through with the recent TCIF

determinations made by the CTC, SCAG's lobbyist has said that he does not anticipate any change or movement on these projects.

Ty Schuiling stated that based on the latest estimates of the budget deficit for next year, the Governor's 10% cut across the board will not be sufficient to close the gap. Mr. Dunn agreed and stated they are projecting that the deficit is going to be far greater than it is currently projected.

Mr. Dunn stated that Senator Cedillo is working on legislation to enable the I-710 tunnel to go forward. He will keep the Coordinators apprised of the status.

3.7 AQMD Proposed Rule 2301 Update

Gail Shiimoto-Lohr stated that it was important to continue to bring this issue to the Coordinators to keep them abreast of the types of issues and questions that are being raised by the AQMD. Ms. Shiimoto-Lohr stated that the OCCOG board was briefed on this issue earlier today and their concern is to make sure their input is being filtered back to the stakeholders working group, so that everyone is kept in the loop. She further stated that another main concern is that a sensible process be established to address the issue of how to get a project through the pipeline without creating a separate process or reject a project that has already been through the environmental review process. Ms. Shiimoto-Lohr stated that it was AQMD's intention that PR 2301 not apply to transportation facility projects, i.e., roads and freeways, but it would apply to parking lots and a park and ride facility. Ms. Shiimoto-Lohr will continue to update the Coordinators on the status of this Rule.

Jonathan Nadler stated that SCAG and AQMD have discussed how more projects meeting the Compass Blueprint principles may be exempted or otherwise given credit in the Rule. Mr. Nadler will further explore this concept with AQMD.

4.0 **OTHER BUSINESS**

The items were not addressed due to insufficient time.

5.0 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

There were no items presented.

6.0 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is May 22, 2008.

7.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:50 PM.

	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS											
	OWP AUDIT SCHEDULE											
	FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 2008 THROUGH JUNE 2009											
	AUDITS TO BE PERFORMED OF OWP BILLINGS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2006 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007											
							AUDIT START					
	SUBREGION:					DATE						
	SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS (SANBAG)					JULY 15, 2008						
	WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (WRCOG)					AUGUST 12, 2008						
	GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (GCCOG)					SEPTEMBER 9, 2008						
	COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (CVAG)					OCTOBER 7, 2008						
	VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (VCOG)					NOVEMBER 4, 2008						
	SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SBCCOG)					DECEMBER 2, 2008						
	CITY OF LOS ANGELES					JANUARY 6, 2009						
	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES					JANUARY 27, 2009						
	SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG)					FEBRUARY 17, 2009						
	ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (OCCOG)					MARCH 10, 2009						
	IMPERIAL VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (IVAG)					MARCH 31, 2009						
	ARROYO VERDUGO CITIES					APRIL 14, 2009						
	NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY					MAY 5, 2009						
	WESTSIDE CITIES					JUNE 2, 2009						
	LAS VIRGENES MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LVMCOG)					TO BE DETERMINED						